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UCAB's Quality of Life Committee Meeting

**Monday, February 13 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

Discussion: "An Update on Recreation Programs and Services"

Guest: Elizabeth Ortega, Outreach Specialist, MC Department of Recreation

All board and their committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Registration is Open for County Recreation and Montgomery Parks Summer Camps!

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=18744



County Leaders Reaffirm Community Values on Immigration Issues

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and the members of the Montgomery County Council issued a joint statement on January 30, 2017 to reaffirm the County's tradition of building and maintaining a safe and inclusive community for our residents – the core values that have made Montgomery special. See below.

- Joint Statement of County Executive and County Council Reaffirming Community Values ([English](#) | [Español](#)).
- Montgomery County Legal Immigration Service Providers Directory ([English](#))
- Community Guide for Immigrant Residents in Montgomery County, MD ([English](#) | [Español](#))

Visit County's [Office of Community Partnership](#) and [Gilchrist](#) Center for more information and resources.

Montgomery Councilmember Craig Rice, MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, and College President DeRionne Pollard to hold series of 5 forums on education

Starting Feb. 15 at Northwest High School, they will meet with residents around the County to explain FY18 budget process, and seek residents' priorities for MCPS and Community College

The forums will address how budget priorities are established by the Board of Education, the County Executive and the County Council—all of whom work toward crafting the MCPS and Montgomery College annual operating budgets. At the forums, subjects will include what the school system and college are doing to prepare for Fiscal Year 2018.

The forums also talk about the opportunities residents will have to influence decisions that will be made as the County works to adopt the FY18 budget. The County Council in May will adopt the budget that will go into effect on July 1.

The schedule for the forums:

- **Wednesday, Feb. 15: Northwest High School (cafeteria). 13501 Richter Farm Road, Germantown.**
- Wednesday, March 8: Montgomery Blair (cafeteria). 51 University Blvd. East, Silver Spring.
- Wednesday, March 15: Montgomery College's Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus (Catherine F. Scott Building, also known as the CM Building, Room 211). 7600 Takoma Ave., Takoma Park.
- Wednesday, March 22: Walter Johnson High School (cafeteria). 6400 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda.
- Wednesday, March 29: Richard Montgomery High School (cafeteria). 250 Richard Montgomery Drive, Rockville.

For further information about any of the forums, contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or email him at: Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov.

All forums will be held from 6:30-8:30pm.



A note from the Montgomery Philharmonic . . .

For music lovers who want to see what goes into growing as a musician and preparing for complex orchestral presentations, the Montgomery Philharmonic, a Montgomery County Community Orchestra, is hosting a special series of Masterclasses with members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra. The classes are a peek into what goes on to prepare string technique and major chamber works.

These Adult Education Masterclasses are open to the public who wish to enjoy music and observe. Come watch members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra work with members of the Montgomery Philharmonic in intense study of the works in preparation for upcoming performances.

Sessions are at the Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, 610 South Frederick Avenue and will be held as follows:

- STRINGS: Sunday, February 19, and Sunday, April 2
- WOODWINDS: Monday, February 27 and Monday, April 24
- BRASS: Monday, March 6

Visit <http://montgomeryphilharmonic.org>

The Upcounty Regional Office is a partner of the Montgomery Philharmonic in encouraging community participation in the arts.

Ride On is Hiring!

We're looking to add more than 100 bus operators to our team. Apply at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/careers.

2017 Maryland Civil Rights Educational Freedom Experience

April 8 - 16

Registration is now open for the Maryland Civil Rights Educational Freedom Experience that will retrace the steps of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights heroes. The tour is hosted by the [Montgomery County Office of Human Rights](#), in collaboration with the Montgomery County Public Libraries, the African American Employees Association, the Lincoln Park Historical Foundation and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The tour will retrace the Freedom Trail and learn about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Greensboro Sit-Ins, Voting Rights and other significant events of the American Civil Rights Movement. Among other numerous sites, we will visit the Lorraine Motel, Central High School, the home of Medgar Evers and Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. Travel on a state-of-the-art bus equipped with WiFi.

For registration, itinerary and information on the cost of the tour, [visit County website](#).

[Download Detailed Flyer with attached mail-in registration form.](#)

February is Library Lovers Month!

[See the upcoming Library Lover's Month celebrations.](#)

Montgomery County Public Libraries to Offer “Fake News: How to Spot It” Program

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) is offering a program, “*Fake News: How to Spot It*.” The program will help participants determine the kind of fake news that exists and provide tools to evaluate news for reliability and truth. The topic of fake news is as old as the news industry itself—misinformation, hoaxes, propaganda and satire have long been in existence. Lately, there has been a lot of discussion and misinformation about what is considered real and fake news.

Presented by the Enoch Pratt Free Library/Maryland's State Library Resource Center, the free program, suitable for adults, is scheduled for:

February 24, 4 p.m. – Silver Spring, 900 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring

February 27, 6 p.m. – Bethesda, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda

February 28, 6 p.m. – Germantown, Century Boulevard, Germantown

For more information, contact Mary Ellen Icaza at 240-777-0006.



Nominations Being Accepted for Montgomery Serves and Neal Potter Volunteer Service Awards

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett has announced that nominations are being accepted for the Montgomery Serves and the Neal Potter Path of Achievement awards, to honor some of the County's most dedicated volunteers.

Nominations are being sought from the public for two award categories:

- Neal Potter Path of Achievement Awards. In partnership with the Commission on Aging and "The Beacon Newspapers," two residents age 60 or older will be selected for their lifetime of volunteer service to the County. This annual award is named in memory of former County Councilmember, County Executive and longtime community activist Neal Potter.
- Montgomery Serves Awards recognizes extraordinary volunteer accomplishments in 2016 – by people who live, work or serve in Montgomery County. There are four award categories:
 - Youth (individuals 18 years and under and/or youth groups)
 - Business (businesses that engage their employees as community volunteers)
 - Community Service – Individual
 - Community Service – Group

The prestigious Roscoe Nix Distinguished Community Leadership Award was established by the County Executive to honor community icon Roscoe Nix who gave a half century of service to Montgomery County as president of the Montgomery County Branch of the NAACP and as a member of the Montgomery County Board of Education. First presented in 2012, the Nix award is the County's equivalent of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award. Honorees are selected annually by the County Executive.

Nominations for all categories will be accepted through Friday, February 24 at 5 p.m. Additional information and nomination forms can be found at www.montgomeryserves.org, by calling the Montgomery County Volunteer Center at 240-777-2600, or by sending an email to serviceawards@montgomerycountymd.gov. Winners are expected to be announced in mid-March.

All three awards will be presented on Monday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Imagination Stage in Bethesda.

The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited and reservations are required. More details and registration is available at www.montgomeryserves.org.

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>